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Apply for City of Ventura Special Event Grant Funding by June 3

Applications are due June 3, 2019, for the City of Ventura Special Event Grant Program; a grant program open to event organizers staging festivals and events in Ventura that activate public space and increase visitor spending.

A total of \$10,000 in grant funding is available with a \$2,000 maximum grant award per applicant. Applicants must be a Ventura based nonprofit or an agency partnering with a Ventura based nonprofit planning events occurring between July 2019 and June 2020. Grants are to be used to cover all or part of the special event permit fees charged by the City of Ventura for special events occurring on public property.

The Special Event Granting Program and other City of Ventura grants were established to champion community celebrations that attract residents and visitors, strengthen Ventura's cultural identity and economic vitality, and promote entrepreneurial spirit and innovative partnerships between private sector and public agencies.

An optional Special Event Grant Program workshop will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Room at City Hall, 501 Poli Street, for event organizers or designated representatives interested in learning more about the grant program.

Online applications are available at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/Grants or by contacting Community Partnerships Supervisor Steven De Fratus at sdefratus@cityofventura.ca.gov.

This release can be found on the City of Ventura's website at www.cityofventura.ca.gov . # # #